Irregularities in sign boards of MPLADS

†3604. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA; Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many irregularities are being committed in the sign boards of local Members of Parliament under MPLAD Scheme which are causing much apprehensions;

(b) the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, one case from Uttar Pradesh has been brought to the notice of this Ministry by Shri Rajnarayan Budholiya, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Hamirpur, Lok Sabha Constituency, alleging that 7 Swagat Dwars have been constructed out of MPLADS funds of his predecessor ex-Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Shri Gangacharan Rajput inscribing his name on them. After obtaining a report from the District Magistrate, Hamirpur, instructions have been issued for (i) immediate removal of the name of former Lok Sabha MP from the afore-mentioned Swagat Dwars and (ii) recoupment of MPLADS funds utilized for this work, (iii) Secretary (Planning), Government of Uttar Pradesh has been requested to intimate the action taken against the officer fcund responsible for violation of MPLAD Guidelines.

Cost escalation in Central Government funded projects

†3605. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government funded 605 projects are under construction and their construction cost is being estimated to be Rs. 2,67,815 crores at present;

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